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NCAA Consultants Call Off Football Plans

By Gabrielle Dion
Editor In Chief

Sorry guys, you'll have to put away the helmets, pads and pigskins for awhile.

After two NCAA-recommended consultants visited NKU in July, the Board of Regents requested the postponement of any further action to allow for a greater examination of the data.

The consultants, Jim Fallis, Director of Athletics at the University of Northern Colorado,

and Jerry Hughes, Director of Athletics at Central Missouri University, were on campus July 1-3 to consult with NKU in order to assess the status of the current athletics enhancement plan.

On July 2, the consultants met with students athletes and student leaders to discuss the plan. The consultants discussed with students the problems that NKU would have to face if they were to add football to the athletics department. Among the chief issues the consultants raised were:

•Football would put NKU out of accordance with Title IX Gender Equity laws.

•A Norse Football team, even with the \$20 student fee, would still be too expensive to support.

•Most NCAA Division II teams have few opponents to play and the teams do not generate enough money to support themselves.

•NKU has many other quality sports and to add football would jeopardize their success.

The consultants will put out a report of their assessment in late fall,

and is expected by administrators to examine Title IX issues, as well as problems with funding, facilities and personnel.

Also, a site and cost estimate from university-retained architects is expected in late fall.

According to Athletics Director Jane Meier, until these reports are finalized and the Board of Regents decides what to do, football, women's golf, women's track and field, and women's swimming will be put on hold.

The women's soccer team, howev-

er, is "up and running," Meier said. They have 18 squad members and have their fall schedule completed.

"I'd like to have a first rate athletics program that provides opportunities for both men and women and that the university can afford," Meier said.

Student Government Association, who passed the \$20 athletic enhancement fee last spring, will also decide with the Board of Regents what the fee will go to if football is not a part of the package. SGA President Chris Saunders said they will decide in

December. They will base their decisions on the Board of Regents assessments and the consultants' report.

"I still want to see football being considered, but if we're not financially able to do it, we need to hold off," Saunders said.

NKU President James Votruba indicated that one phase of the implementation of the charge from Regent James R. Poston would be to request the NKU Athletic Council to review the existing athletics program and its budgetary relationship to the enhancement plan.

Strike Hits The Books

Current UPS Strike Causing Minor Delays Of Items At NKU Bookstore

By Kevin Goheen
News editor

Northern Kentucky University students

may discover it a bit more difficult to purchase textbooks for certain classes this semester because of the ongoing United Parcel Service strike.

While Linda Wright, manager of the NKU Bookstore, estimates only about five percent of classes will be effected, she said the strike has pushed deliveries which would normally take five to seven days back to two to four weeks.

Wright said that even though most of their deliveries are handled by Roadway Packaging Service, the delays are caused by the extra workload RPS has picked up from UPS customers.

"What we've done is let the faculty know what's going on. I've talked to the chairs (of departments) about that and they're going to take some sort of precautions," Wright said.

Faculty of these classes could make copies of first chapters or place materials on reserve at the library, she said.

Dave Kline, owner of Campus Book and Supply, said that though his store didn't have all of its inventory in yet, the

strike would not be devastating to his business.

"It's more of an inconvenience to students and us. It's a nuisance."

Kline said most of the materials in question are newer edition texts which were ordered later than normal.

Wright said the best way to get through the situation is to make sure as many people as possible know what's going on.

Besides communicating with faculty, the bookstore has placed flyers around the store in an attempt to alert students.

Most of the students who were purchasing books last week did not seem to have a major problem.

"I'm just missing one book," said one student. "They said it'll be in soon."

The rest of the university has gone mostly unaffected by the strike. Lillian Conrad, the administrative secretary for Business Services, said the rest of the school isn't in a major need for such services on a regular basis.

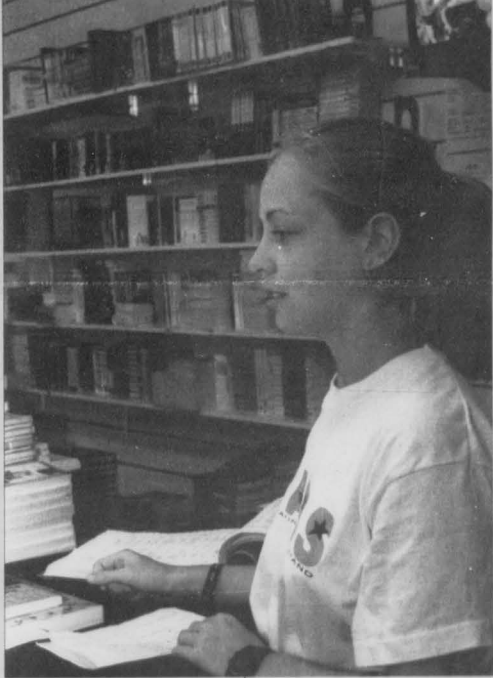
The one item, Wright said, that is being missed the most is a new HEY U mascot doll. People are on a waiting list for the doll, which has been shipped by UPS to who-knows-where.

"They're somewhere, but we just don't know where," Wright said laughingly.

"What we've done is let the faculty know what's going on. I've talked to the chairs (of departments) about that and they're going to take some sort of precautions."

-Linda Wright

Getting Ready



Anna Weaver/The Northern

Student Melissa Graves stands in line to purchase her fall semester textbooks at Campus Book and Supply on Martha Lane Collins Blvd. Campus Book has not been as effected by the UPS strike as the NKU Bookstore has.



Anna Weaver/The Northern

DPS Curbs Policy For New Permits

By Chad Showalter
General Manager

Two years ago Chris Gregory, now an NKU senior journalism major, made a mistake that many students have made in the past.

She sold her 1982 red Volkswagen Rabbit without taking her NKU Student Parking Permit off the rear window.

"When I went to the Bursar's office, they told me I had to provide the old permit to receive a new one," Gregory said. "When I finally found the new owner of the car, I couldn't get the sticker off anyway. I ended up buying a new one."

The new policy will allow students or faculty who buy a new vehicle to switch their parking permit from their old vehicle to their new vehicle. The permit will also allow students or faculty members who drive various vehicles to switch the permit from their primary vehicle to alternate vehicles when necessary.

Also, Director of Public Safety Fred Otto said, "This year, head-in parking will not be enforced."

According to Otto, the new student and faculty parking permits that hang from the automobile's rear-view mirror do not make head-in parking necessary.

Myra Fitzgerald, a junior aviation major and a courier driver for DHL Worldwide Express said, "(At DHL) we can't see as well when we are backing out of our parking spaces, so we are required to back into them. I'm really glad that NKU changed their head-in parking policy. It's much safer."

Accompanying the permit's new look this year was also a \$12 increase. The additional money raised this year and last year, will help to fund a new parking garage. According to Mary Paula Schuh, the Director of Campus Planning, the parking garage will be "located adjacent to the North End of the Applied Science and Technology Building."

Although the garage is still in the planning/conceptual stage, it is tentatively planned for construction in early 1998, and will hold between 300 and 350 student or faculty automobiles.

New President Defines Goals

Staff Report

New NKU President James Votruba has been defining his "Vision" for Northern Kentucky University's future. He calls his program "Visions, Values and Voices." He will make his State of the University Address on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 9:30 a.m. in Graves Hall.

"This is a time of enormous challenge and opportunity for Northern Kentucky University. We are positioned in a rapidly growing metropolitan region with an ever increasing array of advanced learning needs."

In the wake of last spring's legislative special session, we and our sister institutions are embarked on an ambitious effort to strengthen and reform Kentucky postsecondary education.

Public expectations are high, resources are limited, and competition for talented students continues to increase, all of which make it incumbent on us



NKU President James Votruba

to focus more clearly on our institutional vision, values, and priorities," he said.

For more information on President Votruba's plan, see his web page by going to <http://www.nku.edu/visions>.

President Votruba is interested in hearing from students and faculty, especially in response to his plans. You can e-mail him at visions@nku.edu.

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Campus Map For New Students:

Here's your handy little guide to getting around at NKU this year.

Weekly Editorial

By Kevin Goheen
News Editor

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The college experience has been described as the best years of a person's life. After you get past the first few days of bewilderment and general confusion that is.

Here at *The Northerner*, our crack staff of researchers and brilliant minds have compiled a list of what we believe to be some very useful hints and facts for not only new students of Northern Kentucky University, but also for those of you who may have spent your previous time here watching the parking garage being built.

No parking garage has been built yet.

* If you're not sure of where to go or where you are...ASK SOMEONE! There are no dumb questions, only stubborn individuals.

* Don't put things off until the last minute. You can get deeper into you-know-what more quickly than you ever thought possible.

* Solitaire on computers is very addicting.

* Only journalism majors are allowed to procrastinate.

* Get involved in a campus activity or organization. It will make your college experience that much more enjoyable and fulfilling.

* When someone tells you to meet them at the UC, don't go to Cincinnati. (Go to the University Center instead).

* There is a wide variety of people on the NKU campus. Everyone has something of value you can learn from, be it good or bad.

* Chris Boggs, Student Government's Executive Vice-President, is the epitome of school spirit at NKU.

* Parking can be difficult. Be early, be patient, be ready to walk a bit on some days. No parking garage has been built yet.

* The game room is located in the University Center, main floor.

* There are numerous resources available to students to help you achieve your goals. Use them.

* Chris Cole (*The Northerner's* sports editor) knows all when it comes to NKU basketball. That's scary.

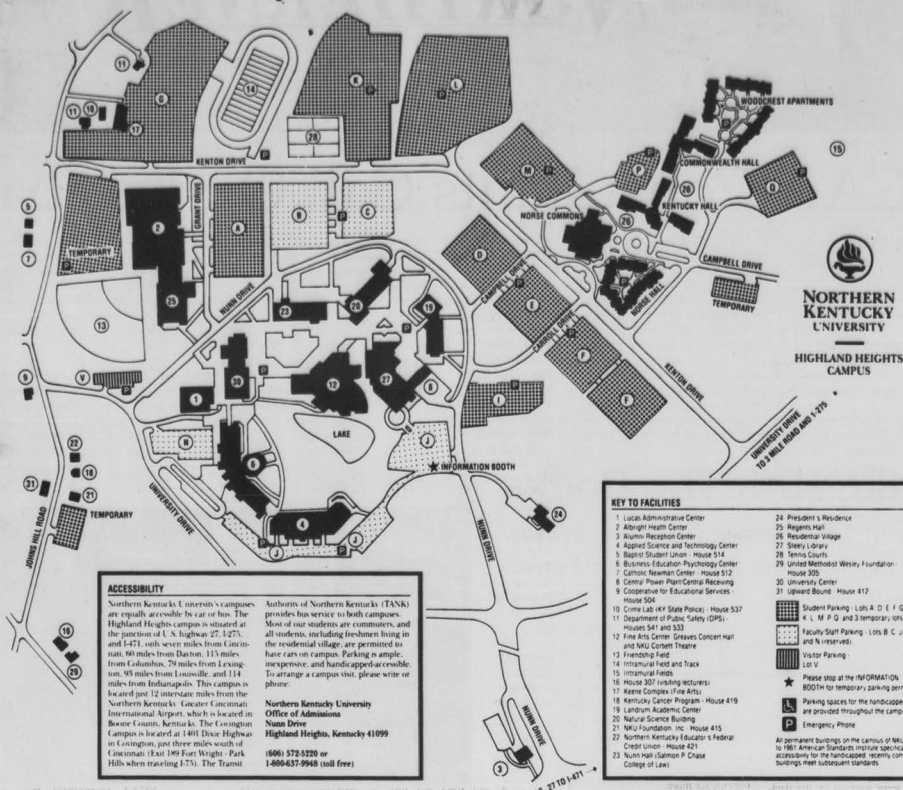
* There is more to NKU athletics than just the men's basketball team. Go out and support all of them all year.

* *The Northerner* is located in room 209 of the University Center. Have a complaint about us or someone else, have something nice to say about us or someone else, or would like to utilize your writing skills, come see us.

* The Loch Norse monster inhabits the waters of Lake Inferior. Beware. (Lake Inferior is located behind the Fine Arts Center.)

* Graduating seniors are always right. Especially this one.

Hopefully these words of wisdom will enable you to better survive the first few days of the semester. It is always hectic beginning something new, just remember that these are the best four years (or more) of your life. Relax and enjoy them. We spend too much for an education not to.



Votruba Not Only Change This Year

By Kevin Goheen
News Editor

While Dr. James Votruba's appointment as president of Northern Kentucky University is the most notable administrative change taking place this year, it isn't the only one.

Several departments are now being run by interim or acting

Dr. Votruba as president, but it was just a good time to get back into the classroom."

Dr. Lynn Langmeyer, former associate dean of the College of Business, is also returning to the classroom. She is being replaced by Nancy Lang on an interim basis.

Dr. Michael Turney is the new interim chair of the

Department of Allied Health and Human Services. He replaces Andrea Cornuelle, who served as the interim chair last year.

The department's secretary, J.B. Losey, said because last year's search began late, the candidate chosen by the search committee had already accepted another position elsewhere.

The Literature and Language Department has a new acting chair in Robert Collier, while Danny Miller will be the assistant chair of the department. Kathy Kurk is the new coordinator of foreign languages.

Other changes include: Paul Reichardt, acting associate university provost; Michael Thompson, interim head of Academic Computing; William Nestor, vice-president of University Relations and Development; Robert Appelson, associate vice-president of Academic Affairs; David Donovan, new chair of the Music Department; Daniel Curtin, interim associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Margaret Anderson, acting chair of the Nursing Department; and Connie Hurst, interim administrative assistant of the College of Business.

"I was very pleased with the choice of Dr. Votruba as president, but it was just a good time to get back into the classroom."

-Dr. Thomas Comte

that though the words are sometimes interchangeable, "acting" usually refers to a period of time covering a semester while "interim" refers to time periods longer than that.

The College of Business is now under the guidance of interim Dean Sandra Easton. She replaces the former dean, Dr. Thomas Comte, who is returning to the classroom after six years to resume teaching marketing and management.

Dr. Comte said that many of the goals he originally set out to accomplish as dean were achieved during his tenure.

"Now, I'm looking forward to doing my own writing, which you don't get to do a whole lot of when you're in administration."

He said that Dr. Votruba's appointment almost made him decide against the return. "I was very pleased with the choice of

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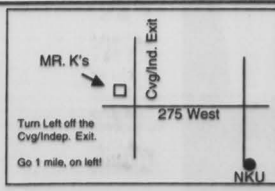


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Weekly Editorial

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

It didn't even take NKU President James Votruba one day to punt the football program that former NKU President Jack Moreland spent a whole year trying to kick off.

On August 1, Votruba's first official day as NKU president, a decision was made that the financial situation at NKU simply could not support the massive strain of collegiate football.

There was little drama. It was not a dramatic decision.

Sure, a lot of people that sit on the outside, occasionally go to a men's basketball game and call themselves a Norse fan because they watched the second half of the "big game" on national television were angered by the announcement.

Those who dreamed of Saturday afternoon gridiron grudge-matches with the likes of Michigan or Notre Dame were disappointed.

The decision was shocking to most of the 12,000 NKU students who had Norse football shoved down their throats all last year.

Anger. Disappointment. Shock. Do you want to know who wasn't angry?

NKU athletes. Ask anyone on the men's or women's tennis team if they were angered by the decision. They'll point out that none cuts the grass on what are probably the only cement tennis courts in the NCAA and ask who would have cut the grass on a football field.

The tennis teams knew there were as many cracks in the proposed football program as there are in NKU's tennis courts.

Ask anyone on the softball team if they were angered by the deci-

sion. They'll point out that orange construction netting is being used as their home-run wall and ask who would have funded a \$2 million football stadium.

The softball team knew the score on the proposed football program, even though their field doesn't have a scoreboard.

You know who wasn't disappointed in the decision?

NKU's athletic department.

Ask just about anyone from the athletic department if they were disappointed in the decision. They'll begin an inevitable series of complaints about the lack of funding already and ask what the addition of football would have done.

The fearless crew in the athletic department overlooks the leaky pipes and unpainted walls. No one complains about the fire-hazard metal staircases or the gravel parking lot.

They look past the minor inconveniences in hopes that someday the softball field will have a scoreboard (and a home-run wall), the baseball field will have lights and the women's soccer team will have a field.

And you know who wasn't shocked by the decision?

Anyone that has been to a tennis match, a softball game or a soccer match.

The only thing that kept NKU's pigskin dream alive as long as it was is the fact that not enough people have been to a tennis match, a softball game or a soccer match.

If only 300 people show up to watch the women's basketball team at NKU—a team that could challenge for a national title—how many would have shown up to watch a third-rate non-scholarship football team that couldn't have realistically expected to win a game for at least five years?

Fans should learn to appreciate what they have before they begin begging for more.

Wiedie Takes Division I Offer

By Chris Cole
Sports Editor

The man who helped rebuild the NKU women's basketball program into a conference contender decided over the summer that it was time for bigger and better things.

Jim Wiedie, who served as assistant women's basketball coach for five years at NKU, accepted an assistant coaching position at Division I Indiana State University on August 4.

"I'm very excited about it," Wiedie said. "It's a new challenge, and I always kind of wanted to coach at the Division I level."

Wiedie will be the number two assistant for a young Sycamore team. Indiana State lost only one player to graduation last year and has only one senior this season. The Sycamores finished 14-13 last year, tied for fourth in the Missouri Valley Conference.

"Hopefully we can challenge for the Missouri Valley Conference championship," Wiedie said.

Wiedie's responsibilities at Indiana State will differ from his duties at NKU.

For starters, Wiedie will not serve as facilities and equipment director at Indiana State. He won't be responsible for such things as painting lines on soccer fields—a duty he regularly performed at NKU.

"I'm looking forward to not having to do that."

He said he expects to be directly involved with recruiting, but that he's not sure what role he will play because there are two other assistant coaches.

Wiedie said that assistant coaches must travel more in Division I recruiting, but that there is really less work and time put into it



Photo Supplied by NKU Athletics Dept.

Moving On: Jim Wiedie, assistant women's basketball coach for five years at NKU, has accepted an assistant coaching position at Division I Indiana State.

because there are fewer players to identify.

Wiedie said that the thing he will miss most about NKU is members of the staff that he became friends with and the team.

"I'll really miss this particular team," he said.

He said that the freshman class of 1995-96 (the players that are now juniors) were the most enjoyable group he has ever coached, and that he expects big things from them.

"I'm really gonna miss this group—especially because they're gonna be so darned good this year and next year," he said.

Wiedie said that he expects NKU to challenge perennial powerhouse Southern Indiana for the GLVC championship.

"This is the first team in a while that can," he said.

"I would be disappointed if they don't win 20 games."

"Actually, they should win more than twenty."

He said that the team understands what they need to do to be successful, and that they have a different mind-set and a more positive attitude.

"They definitely should make the NCAA tournament this year,"

Wiedie said. "Jaime Garner has been away (from basketball) for awhile—about a year and a half, but if she's 75 percent what she was, she could be one of the top players in the conference," he said.

"She is definitely gonna capture everyone's attention."

Wiedie said he definitely likes Division II, and that he might come back and coach at that level unless Division I changes his mind.

"My ultimate goal is to be a head coach, but until I experience Division I first-hand, I don't know at which level."

Norse News 'n Notes

NKU Intercollegiate Fast-Pitch Softball Team

There will be a short meeting Aug. 26 at 3:30 p.m. in Regents Hall for anyone interested in playing intercollegiate fast-pitch softball at NKU. Please call coach Mary Biermann at 572-6372 for further information. Practices will begin Aug. 27.

Listerman Honored

During the summer, NKU men's basketball player Kevin Listerman was chosen to serve on the NCAA Student-Athlete Advisor Committee for the next two academic years.

Listerman's selection was based on classroom performance as well as his success on the court. Listerman is also a member of the Great Lakes Valley Conference and NKU/Star Bank All-Academic Teams.

The committee will receive information regarding NCAA legislation and other activities pertaining to Division I athletes. The committee will provide input and be involved in the Division II legislation.

Rhone Memorial Race

NKU's annual Rhone Memorial Race will be run at 7 p.m. on August 23 at NKU.

There is a \$10 entry fee. All proceeds will benefit the NKU cross-country program through the Brian Rhone Memorial Fund.

The top three runners in each age division of the 5K race will receive awards.

Rhone was named most valuable runner for NKU in the Fall of 1992. He also received all-GLVC honors.

In January of 1993, while on a training run on the AA Highway in Cold Springs, Rhone was fatally struck by an automobile.

For registration forms or for more information, call 572-5193.

NKU Volleyball Team

The GLVC volleyball coaches picked NKU to win its division for the 1997 season.

NKU, defending winners of the Green Division, completed the 1996 season with a 28-7 mark and a 14-2 GLVC record.

NKU took 10 of 12 possible first-place votes, with the University of Missouri-St. Louis receiving the other two.

Indiana-Purdue University at Fort Wayne was picked to win the Blue Division. IPFW, which won the GLVC Tournament last year, finished the season 30-8 overall and 15-1 in the GLVC.

Be sure to check out *The Northerner* next week for the 1997-98 NKU volleyball preview.

Marston Given Green Light

Junior forward Scott Marston has been approved to practice and play with the men's basketball team.

Marston, a transfer from Virginia Commonwealth University, dislocated his elbow during a pick-up game following last semester.

A bladder injury limited Marston's playing time at VCU, but he had a stellar senior season at Oak Hills High School.

He contributed 23.5 points and nine rebounds per game during his senior season.

"We're just hoping he heals correctly," coach Ken Shields said.

NKU opens its season on the road Oct. 14 in Florence, Alabama in the North Alabama Tournament. Their home opener is scheduled for Nov. 21 in the John L. Griffin Classic at Regents Hall.

NKU Men's Soccer

Last week, Great Lakes Valley Conference coaches picked NKU to finish fifth in the league.

The Norse finished last season 4-5-1.

Lewis University was picked to repeat as GLVC champions.

Lewis, who finished 16-4-0 last season, garnered eight first-place votes.

The University of Wisconsin-

Parkside (16-3-1) received two first-place votes, and was ranked second.

Quincy University (12-9-2) also received two first-place votes and was ranked third.

1997 GLVC Men's Soccer Preseason Poll

Rank	School	Total Pts.
1.	Lewis	117
2.	Wisconsin-Parkside	105
3.	Quincy	98
4.	Missouri-St. Louis	91
5.	Northern Kentucky	83
6.	SIU-Edwardsville	79
7.	Southern Indiana	52
8.	IPFW	50
9.	Bellarmine	44
10.	Indianapolis	37
11.	St. Joseph's	23
12.	Kentucky Wesleyan	13

Women's Soccer

NKU's women's soccer team kicks off their inaugural season Aug. 31 at Southern Indiana.

The Norse play six homes, including a Sept. 10 home-opener against Thomas More College.

Head Coach Bob Sheehan will have a challenge on his hands, as he tries to build a women's soccer program from scratch.

In 13 years at St. Ursula Academy, Sheehan built a 195-48 record. Over the past six years, his teams have amassed a record of 106-8-13.

"I'm thankful to get this opportunity to coach at Northern Kentucky University, and we are looking forward to building a very successful program at this level," Sheehan said.

Women's Tennis

Women's tennis coach Dave Bezdol hopes his team can improve upon last season's 5-14 record.

The Norse finished 5-4 in GLVC play. The five GLVC wins is the most for the Norse since 1987.

NKU opens its season at home on Sept. 6 against Bellarmine.

NKU will host the 1997 GLVC Championships on Oct. 9-11.



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Special Section For Incoming Freshmen

Greek Community Enhances College Experience

Weekly Editorial

By Becky Bergman
Features Editor

It was the Spring of 1995 when I strutted onto campus in my brand spankin' new senior jacket. The jacket I had waited four years to get. It was the one article of clothing I ate in, balled in, and slept in. I was convinced that even though I was an incoming freshman, that I knew everything there was to know about college. I thought I was well on my way to becoming the Fonzy of NKU or in other words the "Epiome Of Coolness!"

Four years have passed since that memorable day, and 101 semester credit hours later I still have not become the "Epiome Of Coolness!" In fact I still am not sure exactly what it is. I have to chuckle when I see the newcomers strutting around in their senior jackets appearing to have everything under control, but in their minds thinking, "Gosh, I hope I don't sit down in the wrong class again!"

Despite the fact that I still am striving in my perfection as a "cool" student in my fifth, yes my fifth year, I'd like to think that I have picked up some of the actions of the "cool students" that I am so ready to pass on to you incoming freshman.

The "cool" students at NKU have learned that you should sit in front of class, not the back. In high school the cool kids always sat in the back. Notice none of the cool kids in high school will be sitting next to you in college, because they aren't in college. They were too cool for it.

The "cool" NKU students visit the gym between classes, not during them. Their majors soon become "Drop-out-ology!"

All the "cool" students at NKU know all the good caffeine suppliers. They have internal radar that can lead you to the nearest Coke machine in a matter of seconds.

According to my father the "cool" NKU college students are the ones that don't live at home. Sorry dad, I see a pattern of uncoolness in my future for a long, long time.

NKU parking officials agree that the "cool" students are the ones that park in student lots, and who have parking decals. They are also the ones who have a little more money in their pockets at the end of every semester due to lack of fines.

The "cool" students are the ones who know exactly how many classes they can skip without dropping a letter grade, or getting on the teachers' bad side.

These tips are only a few of the many things I've learned in my eventful four years at NKU. What I'd have to say is that to sum it up the definition of the coolest students of all, is that they are the ones that have the determination, and the heart to get the job done. Quite simply they are the ones who GRADUATE. Good luck to all incoming freshman!

By Tara Studer
Copy Editor

College life is about having fun, meeting new people, and getting a higher education. Many students at Northern Kentucky University go to class and go home. What fun is that?

By joining the Greek community students can get involved on campus, and increase their enjoyment of university life. There are six sororities and six fraternities at NKU.

"I feel it is really important to be involved on campus," Missy Mark, president of the Panhellenic Council, said. "The women and men in the Greek organizations help develop you, because a lot of them are upper classmen."

Sorority Rush began Sunday, Aug. 17 with open house parties, and ended Wednesday Aug. 20 with the Big Day Celebration. All of the activities took place in the University Center Theater.

Fraternity Rush will begin Monday, Sept. 8 from 7 p.m. to 10

p.m. in the University Center Theater. Rush ends on Friday, Sept. 12 with Fraternity Rush Bid Day. Fraternities have changed their Rush techniques to be more open and offer more opportunities to meet all of the organizations.

"You bond with the men and women of the organization. Friendships grow through the traditions and the rituals of the chapters. They help guide you and push you into other organizations, Mark said. "I think that is really important for the future, because they hold networking values."

Each Sorority and Fraternity has its own special qualities.

Sororities:
*Delta Gamma support Sight Conservation and Aid to the Blind through Delta Gamma's Annual Anchor Splash.

*Delta Zeta Z service for the Gallaudet College for the Deaf and the House Ear Institute.

*Phi Sigma Sigma offer grants to the National Kidney Foundation through their annual Rock-a-thon.

*Theta Phi Alpha support The

Glenmary Missioners or Ohio, which is dedicated to teaching and social service in rural areas of the Appalachian region.

*Delta Sigma Theta service is based on the organizations 5 Point Thrust: economic development, educational development, international awareness and involvement, physical and mental health, political awareness and involvement.

*Alpha Kappa Alpha are working for their charter, and if you want more information about how to get involved contact the Student Activities office.

Fraternities:
*Alpha Delta Gamma bring men together to do the 5 S's: service, scholastic, spiritual, school spirit and social.

*Alpha Tau Omega contribute to the United Way by raising money through their Basketball Marathon.

*Phi Kappa Tau supports the "Hole in the Wall Gang," an organization that runs summer camps for children with terminal blood diseases.

*Pi Kappa Alpha work with Big



Anna Weaver/The Northerner
CHEEK TO CHEEK GREEKS: Jacquie Gilpin and Emily Klopp, members of Delta Zeta, share a Kodak moment.

Brothers of America by sponsoring events for underprivileged children.

"I feel joining a Greek Organization not only helps students get involved by meeting new people," Bret Ramsey, president of Pi Kappa Alpha, said, "it also teaches teamwork, communication and leadership skills that are not always taught in the classroom."

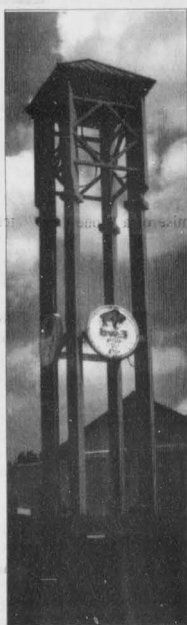
making college experiences more enjoyable and valuable."

"Tau Kappa Epsilon support the Special Olympics program, and help with local recreation for inner-city children."

"Alpha Phi Alpha has developed the national "Go to High School, Go to College" campaign. They also serve as mentors to local high school students."

Jen's Top Ten

Hot Spots of
Northern Kentucky and
Cincinnati



Anna Weaver/The Northerner
FROM BW3 TO BW1: BW3 tops Jen Turnat's list of area hot spots for NKU students

10) Waterfront-Live music in the summer, and a dance club year-round.

9) Museum Center-The former Union Terminal is currently showing "Alaska."

8) Sawyer Point-The next "Party in the Park" is scheduled for Aug. 23.

7) Annie's-They've got a new roof and have re-opened for business!

6) Caddy's-Enjoy it before it goes under the wrecking ball!

5) Salamonie's-A variety of great local bands, new deck with cook-outs and music.

4) Riverboat Row-Fantastic restaurants, live music, and a great view of downtown and the river.

3) Barleycorn's-Celebrating the grand opening of their new Cold Spring location.

2) Skyline-The bar, not the chili. Great drink prices, and you don't have to leave campus!

1) BW-3's-After class, before class, when you are supposed to be in class.....whenever.

-Jennifer Turnau

Freshmen: Bored? Not A Problem At NKU!

Calling
All
DJ's!



Anna Weaver/The Northerner
Chris Bieting is the new General Manager at WRFN Radio. He is taking on the task of 'gutting out' the station and starting fresh. Interested students should talk to Bieting in UC 205.

Here's just a few of the many Northern Kentucky University Student Organizations/ Groups that you might want to become a part of:

- *American Marketing Association
- *Anthropology Club
- *Chess Club
- *Computer Science/Math Club
- *Geology Club
- *Honors Club
- *Human Services Organization
- *Independent Filmmakers
- *Kentucky Association of Nursing Students
- *Kentucky Educators Association
- *Philosophy Club
- *Physical Education Majors Club
- *Pre-Medicine Club
- *Spanish Club
- *Speech Communication Club
- *Theater Students Union

Go to Student Life office in UC Ground Floor for details or call 6514.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS!

Student Government Meeting

Monday, August 25, 1997

To Be Discussed

Football
\$20.00 Athletic Fee
Computer/Web Enhancement Committee
Position Appointments
Student Directory
Hot Line Hours and Sign-up

To Speak At The Meeting Sign Up On The Speaker's Sheet, On The Door Of The Student Government Office (UC 210)

Calendar Of Campus Activities

Wednesday, August 20

- *11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Northern Exposer Kickoff - UC Plaza
- *4:30p.m.-6:30p.m. Sorority Rush Bid Day
- *8:00p.m.-12:00a.m. APB Street Dance - Norse Circle

Thursday, August 21

- *10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. ISU Poster Sale - UC Plaza
- *11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. UC Open House
- 11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Campus Rec Putt Putt - UC Plaza

Friday, August 22

- *10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. ISU Poster Sale - UC Plaza
- *11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Campus Rec Frisbee - UC Plaza
- *2:00p.m. Volleyball Tournament Sponsored by Residential Life - Grassy Bowl
- *6:00p.m. Black Women's Organization Acquaintance Night - Norse Commons 116
- *9:00p.m. Alpha Phi Alpha Splash Bash - AHC Pool
- *10:00p.m. Delta Party - UC

Saturday, August 23

- *9:00a.m.-2p.m. Welcome Back for Student Athletes
- *12:00p.m.-6:00p.m. International Student Affairs Picnic - Tower Park
- *5:30p.m. RHA and RA Behind Kentucky Hall
- *7:00p.m. Brian Rhone Race - AHC

Tuesday, August 26

- *11:00a.m.-1:00p.m. Student Organization Rally - UC Plaza
- *5:00p.m. Freshfusion 97

Hey U. A Weekly Comic Strip

Introduction And Cartoon Series By Justin

You've got to start somewhere.

The place you begin is as important as where you end up; it's essential really.

For me it began on the funnies page, Bloom County, The Far Side, Shoe, and Garfield—this was the extent of my journalistic interests as a child. I didn't even know cartooning had anything to do with journalism (it does).

Much to my dismay, you

can't go to college and major in cartooning. But you can go to college and draw cartoons.

That's what I do, and here it is.

It's called HEY U. (as in Hey University) which is also where it takes place, and surprisingly enough, its about students that go there.

"Write what you know." Someone said that. I hope you enjoy what I

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Field Of Dreams Right Direction For Votruba, NKU

Over the next two months, new NKU President James Votruba "intends to conduct a series of conversations across the campus and throughout the metropolitan region" that will focus on this question, among others.

His question is, "As we focus our vision and priorities for the next five years, what are the most important issues and opportunities that we should address?"

He wants feedback—here it is.

The most important issues on campus are about growing. As a young university, NKU has been and will continue to foster many different types of growth. We will grow physically—with the addition of more land to NKU's property. We have as a university discussed and have dreams for a new science center, new athletic fields and a convention center. NKU has the "If we build it, they will come" attitude. Tell us, Dr. Votruba, will you make our field of dreams a reality?

Another way that the campus is growing though is by changing. It's the little things—small ways to make life a little easier. Like the new parking decals, for instance. Just having the idea that, yes, we can change things to make them better is what makes the change actually happen. What doesn't let change happen is negativity, saying we "CAN'T" do this or that, instead of actually going forward with it to see if it will work.

In all reality, football probably could not have worked here. But at least we had some people who wanted to go ahead and try it instead of having a closed mind. A growing university should never say never—we have a long way to go. That's why football and the other new sports are being "put on hold" rather than being abolished as a concept for NKU's future. Just because we're not able to do it now doesn't mean that it can never happen. A university must foster change, not shun it. NKU is a field of dreams. And that's what President Votruba, and all of us, have to remember as we grow forth into the next century with a new president.

If anyone doesn't agree with these answers or has more to add, give The Northerner some feedback, too. We provide the forum for discussion for these and any other issues. On the other side of this page are Votruba's complete list of questions for us. It's your NKU—voice your opinion.



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SGA Vice President Wants To Hear From All Students

Dear Fellow Students,

Welcome back to Northern, or for new students simply put, welcome. I want to give everyone a few things to chew on. We in Student Government plan to set a new standard for the future of SGA. We plan to do more for students and more as an organization than some have ever dreamed of doing. We need student support in order to complete mission of being the best we can be. The support we need will come from your voice. Tell us what you need as a student at NKU. We plan to be as visible as possible to you. We hope to have SGA shirts you can recognize us by, buttons saying who we are, and heavy publicizing so you know what we're working on.

I am asking a personal favor from you. At the end of this letter I will put my office hours down for you, come in and speak to me. I want to hear what you have to say, I crave to know what the issues are in the community. I try to get a perspective from my experiences, but I need to know your feelings. Are you ticked off, are you happy about something, can you not find your way around? My door is open. I want to know about student concern before SGA makes a decision on an issue, rather than hear what a bad choice was made after the fact. This is

your open invitation to say it like it is.

On each weekly edition of the Northerner SGA will put the issues to be discussed in the next Monday meeting. If you see an issue you, as a concerned student, would like to speak about. There will be a sign up sheet on the door of the SGA Office and it will direct you how to sign in. You need to do this before 4:00 each Friday afternoon. Our meetings are on every Monday at 3:00PM (sharp) in room 108 University Center. We want to make rational, intelligent, and informed decisions for the students of NKU. Help us.

Thank you for your time and remember my door is always open, even if it's just to chat about nothing.

Sincerely,
Christopher Lee Boggs
Exec.-Vice President SGA/NKU

Chris Boggs OFFICE

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Done Deal Done

By Justin Lynch

Pardon the dead horse beating, but, I seem to remember leaving school this past spring with the promise of a "done deal" not far in my college's future.

Wasn't someone up for tossing the ole pigskin around a little while ago? Didn't we devote time and money towards figuring out if we all thought football was a swell enough thing for our school? Didn't we think it was?

Well as it turns out, a good idea is all football will amount to for some time to come at NKU. Former interim president Jack Moreland sold us on football as a new legacy to embrace, and it was a legacy that lasted about twenty minutes longer

than he did.

The sexy black and gold helmet is gone. The sharp marching band uniform designs have been filed away. The search committee has been sent to look for something else.

The whole issue of football and how it played out made one thing clear about us and our school: that we really aren't to sure what we want.

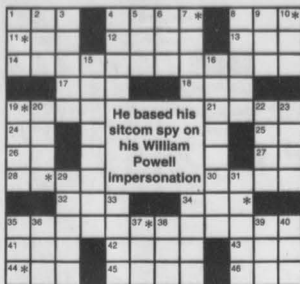
Football? Not right now. Parking garage? It could happen. New science building? Maybe. These are all questions with long and complicated answers, almost as long and complicated as the answer to the most commonly overlooked question we face as college students? Will I graduate?

Get the search committee on that one.

Votruba's Vision Questions

1. As we focus our vision and priorities for the next five years, what are the most important issues and opportunities that we should address?
2. What are the University's most important assets or strengths that should serve as a foundation for our development over the next five years? What new assets or strengths should be developed?
3. What should be the core values that define us as a twenty-first century metropolitan university?
4. Looking ahead five years, what should be the "defining characteristics" that represent Northern Kentucky University's own unique or distinctive identity with reference to our students, faculty, curriculum, teaching/learning process, research and scholarship, community outreach, academic and administrative support, student life, etc.? What will it take to get there?

CHAD'S TV CHALLENGE



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
1. *Boy Meets World* star
 4. *Gay Hamilton of The Practice*
 8. Word in the title of Debra Messing's series
 11. Thirst quencher
 12. *Island With You*; '48 Peter Lawford film
 13. Spike or Pinky
 14. Pam Dawber's co-star (2)
 17. 1961 Heston film role
 18. *Patrol*; 1960 Martin Mull movie
 19. Soleil *... Frye*
 21. Part of the title of Monty Hall's show
 24. Bud Bundy's dad
 25. *... Takes Two* (1962-63)
 26. No. of waiters in the house when the show began
 27. Continent: abbr.
 28. Med. school course
 29. Epps of *ER*
 32. Estates of Melrose Place
 34. Health care plan, for short
 35. Star of *McCloud* (1970-77) (2)
 41. "Open Sesame" crier
 42. All in the Family producer
 43. John Pankow's role in *Mad About You*
 44. Color
 45. Hatcher's character
 46. Anti's vote
- DOWN**
7. Cusack and Sotham
 8. Jane Curtin's 1984-89 role
 9. *... Blessing - The Story of My Life & Times*; '93 series
 10. *... Moines*
 15. *... Confidential*; 1977 Raymond Burr series
 16. Famous 1943 Broadway musical
 19. Campbell of *In the House*
 20. Actor Ken
 22. *... Lord of Crisis Center*
 23. Word in the title of Kate Mulgrew's series
 29. Corbin Bernsen's *L.A. Law* role (1986-94)
 31. *... On* (1974-76)
 33. Hilton Lucas' portrayer
 34. *... and Now* (1992-93)
 35. *Major ...* (1989-93)
 36. Tarzan portrayer Ron
 37. Jacques Cousteau's realm
 38. Pale
 39. Period of time
 40. Charles, for one
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- DOWN**
1. Cheers, for one
 2. Whitney or Wallach
 3. Candy water
 4. Actor Jack
 5. Ending for Jan or Gerald
 6. *... With Acting*; '51-'52 charade show

Classifieds

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HURT? LONELY? CONFUSED? The Northerner may not help you, but it will distract you for a little bit. Don't forget to read each week!

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Aries (March 21 - April 20)
This is a good time to check out investment opportunities. Romantic entanglements may become more complicated.



Taurus (April 21 - May 20)
Your stress levels are high and it is more important than ever for you to get moving. Exercise is necessary for body and soul.



Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
A long-standing problem with a relative or friend needs to be worked out. Accept an invitation to go dancing with a friend.



Cancer (June 21 - July 20)
All is not as it seems. Sometimes you have to read between the lines carefully to understand what really is happening.



Leo (July 21 - Aug. 21)
Stop relying on others to make you happy. Concentrate on improving yourself. Think about taking a new class in the fall.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 22)
You could be overreacting to a situation, which only makes things more difficult. Give yourself and others a break.



Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Flowers will help brighten your home or office and provide a needed reminder of what is most important in life.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 22)
Your flair for the dramatic will not be appreciated by a loved one. A financial situation will improve once you take necessary action.



Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 20)
An important decision needs to be made, but you are not in the right frame of mind to do it. You need time away from it all first.



Capricorn (Dec. 21 - Jan. 19)
Study ancient civilizations, then write about what you have learned. Your findings will send you on a path of self-discovery.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You have what it takes to get through a difficult situation, but it will not be easy. Give yourself time to grow used to an idea.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
It is time for a much-needed break. Buy some candies and flowers, curl up with a good book and enjoy yourself.

Born this week:

- Aug. 10 - Rosanna Arquette, Antonio
Banderas, Jeremy Duns
Aug. 11 - Hulk Hogan
Aug. 12 - George Hamilton,
Rosanne Vega
Aug. 13 - Dan Fogelberg
Aug. 14 - Holly Berry, Magic Johnson,
Steve Martin, Danielle Steel
Aug. 15 - Julia Child, Linda Ellerbee
Aug. 16 - Angela Bassett, James Taylor